

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Pages 14 and 15, third paragraph starting at line 13

The lid [[of]] 96 further includes a depending skirt 112 spaced from the flange 104 and extending downwardly from annular section 108. The skirt 112 includes a first, circumferential, inwardly extending flange 114 having a flange surface 116 which engages against the underside of the rib 84. The skirt 112 further includes a second circumferential inwardly extending rib member or flange 118 which cooperates with the bucket rib 88 by engaging the underside thereof. The skirt 112 further includes a downwardly depending section or extension or strip 120 which is connected to the skirt 112 along a junction 122 to define a zigzag tear strip 120 as depicted in greater detail in Figures 9 and 10. As shown in Figures 9 and 10, the tear strip 120 has a zigzag pattern and incorporates portions or circumferentially spaced segments of the flange 118. Thus, the flange 118 is defined by a series of connected segments such as 118A and 118B in Figures 9 and 10. The segments 118A and 118B of the flange 118 are separated by a thin molded portion in the skirt 112 so as to enable removal of the tear strip 120 by gripping or pulling end tab 124 to thereby remove those rib sections 118B maintained on the tear strip 120.

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The downwardly depending flange or skirt 252 further includes an inwardly extending flange or lid member comprising a first inwardly extending rib member 270. The first inwardly extending rib member 270 includes a downwardly and inwardly inclined surface 272 in opposed relation to the underside 210 of the first rib 208. The inclined surface 272 forms an ~~arcuate~~ acute angle with respect to the underside 210 of the first rib 208. ~~This angle is an acute angle.~~ The rib

270 extends inwardly toward the centerline axis of the bucket to a radial extent  $R_3$  which radial extent is equal to or greater than the radial extent of the second rib 220; namely, radial extent  $R_2$ .

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The outer skirt or flange 252 further includes a second inwardly extending flange or rib member 280. The flange or rib member 280 is spaced so that a top side surface 282 of the rib 280 will be in opposed relationship to the underside 222 of second rib 220. The surfaces 282 and 222 are in flush opposed relationship one to the other to provide an enhanced locking construction between lid 250 and bucket 200. A zigzag tear strip 286 which provides zigzag tearing along a line or partition 288 provides for removal of a strip of material from the lid 250. Removal of such a strip of material will effect removal of portions of the second inwardly extending rib 280 thereby removing the locking feature associated with the removed portion of the second rib 280. The rib 280 provides an enhanced locking feature relative to the lid 250 because of the angular relationship between the underside surfaces 222 and 210 of the second rib 220 and first rib 208, respectively, relative to the inwardly extending second flange or lid rib 280 and the first lid rib 270. Thus, by engineering the relationship of the construction of the ribs of the bucket 200 and the inwardly extending ribs of the lid 250 as well as the amount of tear strip 286 that is removed when the tear strip 286 is removed from the lid 250 or flange 252, one is able to control the effort required to replace the lid once the bucket is open and to then re-remove the lid from the bucket. For example, the entire second flange 280 and portions of the first flange 270 may be removed by providing a tear line 273 in Figure 12 for portions of the periphery of rib 208. Additionally, the utilization of providing a tongue member incorporated in

the rim of the bucket for engagement with a groove in the peripheral section of the lid provides an enhanced resealing capability not previously observed with other relationships between a bucket 200 and lid 250.

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Figure 13 illustrates a slightly revised version of the construction of Figure 12. In Figure 13 the relationship of the angular sides of a tongue 300 to a groove 302 in a lid 304 is varied slightly. Nonetheless, a sealing surface or point 306 on one side of tongue 300 is provided and a sealing point or section 308 on the opposite side of the tongue is provided between bucket 299 and skirt 310 of lid 304. Again, a first rib 312 of the bucket engages a first ~~rib~~ flange 314 of the lid. A second rib 316 of bucket 299 cooperates with a second inwardly extending flange or rib 318 of lid 304. The radial relationships of the ribs and the engagement of the surfaces on the underside of the ribs 312 and 316 are as previously described for the embodiment of Figure 12. A tear strip 320 is provided to remove sections of the outer flange of the lid 304 again such removal affecting the interaction between the second rib 316 of bucket 299 and the second rib 318 of the lid 304 as previously described. Thus, the embodiment of Figure 13 illustrates a manner in which the relationship of the surfaces forming the ribs may be varied and a manner in which the construction of the tear strip as well as the tongue and groove construction of the bucket lid and the bucket may be varied slightly to remain within the scope and spirit of the invention.